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Communist Party, party leader Vidali reported that Yugoslavia has finally realized that it cannot live without the support of the Soviet Union and that President Tito is now revising his anti-USSR policy.

Vidali stated that a recent talk between Tito and a Soviet representative "had been particularly fruitful concerning the Trieste question," and cited as "tangible proof" the recent dissolution of the pro-Tito Communist Party in Trieste. [REDACTED]

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Comment: The content of this report appears to be a fabrication by elements antagonistic to the present Yugoslav government, probably designed to deter Western support for Tito. Certain Italian officials feel that the United States is favoring Yugoslavia in the Trieste dispute.

The "dissolution" of the pro-Tito Communist Party in Trieste--actually its replacement by a broad-front organization--is believed to have local rather than international significance. The Titoists appear merely to be trying to strengthen their long-term capabilities in Trieste in preparation for Italian control of Zone A. There has been no previous report to indicate that the Trieste question was discussed at the last known talks between Tito and a Soviet representative, which occurred on 11 August. (SECRET)

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